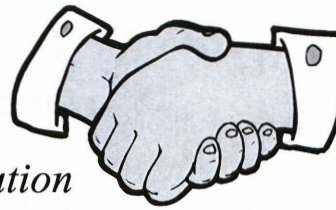


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## PLANNING 101

### *An Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan*

#### What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A "Comprehensive Plan" is a community's common vision of what it wants to be like in the future. Such plans typically look twenty to twenty five years into the future.



Comprehensive Plans deal mostly with the physical characteristics of a city or county. They contain the dreams and plans a community needs to guide future development.

These plans illustrate where tomorrow's homes, schools, parks, shopping areas, employment centers and other uses will be located. They often show natural and environmental areas that a community may want to preserve or enhance for its children and grandchildren.

Comprehensive Plans present the street improvements that will be needed by future generations to help move people and goods about the community. Comprehensive Plans are also used to plan various public utilities, such as facilities for supplying drinking water or treating wastewater.

#### What's in a Comprehensive Plan?

Comprehensive Plans typically include these elements:

- ◆ Statements of goals
- ◆ Estimates of future residents & workers
- ◆ Identification of future growth areas
- ◆ Locations of future land uses
- ◆ Forecasts of housing needs
- ◆ Programs for future street improvements
- ◆ Plans for public utilities
- ◆ Locations for schools & parks
- ◆ Future sites for community facilities

#### Why is the Comprehensive Plan Important to Me?

The Comprehensive Plan is important for many reasons. First, it provides the basis for the community to agree on a shared vision of what it wants the future to be. Citizens will have various opportunities to provide input on what that vision should be. Secondly, the Comprehensive Plan serves to protect you and your family's long term health, safety and welfare through carefully planning land uses and needed services.

The Comprehensive Plan is also used extensively by both the private and public sectors. Private investment in homes and businesses rely upon the plan to know where public services they seek will be located in the future. Governments use the Comprehensive Plan to guide decisions on where to put public dollars for roads, parks, schools, libraries and utilities.



#### The City and County Currently Have a Comprehensive Plan, Right?

Yes. The City of Salina first adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 1963, with an updated plan adopted in 1974. A new Comprehensive Plan/Transportation Plan was adopted in 1981.



The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1992. Saline County's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2001.

The process we are now beginning will examine all elements of the Plan. This process will result in the preparation of an entirely new plan for the City by the end of calendar year 2007.

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## Being a Good Neighbor Salina's Codes for Residential Areas

Tree limbs that overhang the sidewalk or the street must be trimmed to a height of 8 feet above the street or sidewalk surface.

Recreational vehicles parked in the front yard must be parked on a hard surface or stored in the side yard, or rear yard if there is access.

Storage sheds 120 sq. ft. or less do not require a building permit. Zoning requirements must still be met.

Pools that can hold 24 inches of water must be enclosed with a fence with a self-latching gate. A permit is required to install such pools.

Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited

Permits are not required for fences 6' or less in height. Zoning regulations must still be met.

New deck or porch construction requires a permit if it will be higher than 30 inches or if it will be covered.

Your lawn should not exceed 12 inches in height

Keep your sidewalk abutting your property free of snow, ice and mud.

**Construction:**  
Removal, alteration, remodel or enlargement of your property first requires a city building permit.

**Vehicles:**  
Vehicles not properly licensed or inoperable condition must be stored inside or removed from the premises.  
Vehicles cannot be parked in the yard or street right of way.  
Never park in front of a private driveway.

Don't allow garbage or debris to accumulate on your property

A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of a fire hydrant.

Trash should be placed at the curb no earlier than the evening before your collection day. Containers must be removed by the evening of the pickup.

For a special trash pickup, call 309-5750

For questions call Neighborhood Services at 309-5760  
For questions call Planning & Zoning at 309-5720  
For questions call Building Services at 309-5715  
For questions call Salina Fire Department 826-7340